

In claims 16-30, please replace the first occurrence of the word "vector" in each claim with --method--.

~~16~~¹⁷ (Amended) A method of selecting myeloma cells transfected with [the] a vector [of any of claims 15-30] comprising a GS gene and a gene or genes encoding a protein(s) heterologous to said myeloma cells, comprising:

- (i) plating transfected cells in one volume of non-selective medium containing glutamine;
- (ii) after 24 hours, adding two volumes of glutamine-free medium; and
- (iii) recovering myeloma colonies after 7 days incubation.

E2 ~~17~~¹⁸ (Amended) A [vector] method of conferring [that confers] glutamine independence to a [transformed] lymphoid cell line, comprising transforming said lymphoid cell line with a vector comprising a GS gene and a gene or genes encoding a protein(s) heterologous to said lymphoid cell line, wherein the genes are arranged such that said GS gene can be expressed and glutamine independent lymphoid colonies can be produced.

In claims 33-39, please replace the first occurrence of the word "vector" in each claim with --method--.